

## REMARKS

The allowability of independent claims 1 and 20 and, thus, all the other, dependent claims upon attention to rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is acknowledged appreciatively.

The attention to the rejections under 35 USC 112 is editorial and, therefore, should not raise any *Festo*-like limitations.

Because *Festo*-like limitations should not arise, the courteous suggestions in the Action are complied with even when contrary to longstanding practice, like the change in Jepson or improvement form from "In a" to -- A -- or unnecessary, like the repeated antecedent for "internal." Other changes suggested, like replacing "if" in claim 3 have been similarly complied with, *mutatis mutandis*, by changing "when" to -- and -- as suggested for claim 4.

However, grammatically challenged suggestions, like "metallic countersunk a washers" have been omitted pending clarification and in the belief that the claims are now proper.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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